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**State of Vermont**  
**Vermont Department of Education**  
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To Vermont Principals:

The VT DOE is seeking enthusiastic and experienced educators to fill available\* positions as Vermont Professional Development Network (VPD*Network*) leaders. Network leaders work in collaboration with DOE content coordinators to develop resources for professional development in standards, instruction, and assessment in literacy, math, science, and a new addition, social studies.

**This year marks a transition for the focus of the Vermont Professional Development Networks.** The recently completed *Common Core Standards in Math and English Language Arts*, including *Literacy in History/Social Studies and Science* (CC) will form the basis for the ongoing development of state and local assessments based on these standards.

Educators in Vermont will need to develop awareness of the CC, which includes understanding how the CC aligns with our current *Grade Expectations* and *VT's Framework of Standards*. Beginning in SY2010, the VPD*Network* structure will support VT educators to become familiar with CC, to align curriculum to the CC, and to implement the CC instructionally in advance of an assessment in SY2014-2015.

VPD*Network* leaders both provide and gain professional development as they work with DOE content coordinators and each other to

- collaborate with other network leaders and DOE content coordinators to develop professional development activities and materials;
- contribute resources and classroom examples of innovative and effective practices to support the transition to instruction and assessment of the CC;
- provide professional development to teachers/colleagues in the implementation of *Common Core Standards* and their connections to instruction and assessment.

**VPDN leaders are asked to commit to six days of planning during the school year, as well as to be available to share resources in their districts and/or geographic regions.**

Leaders will be compensated per diem for **planning time, substitutes, and mileage.**

As part of the selection process, all interested applicants should complete the form enclosed with this letter and return it to Rose Wheeler at [rose.wheeler@state.vt.us](mailto:rose.wheeler@state.vt.us) or fax it to (802) 828-6563 no later than **Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

We look forward to hearing from you,

Marty Gephart & Lois Fuller – *VPDNetwork* Literacy Coordinators  
Kathy Renfrew & Julie Conrad – *VPDNetwork* Math Coordinators  
Gail Hall & Kathy Renfrew – *VPDNetwork* Science Coordinators  
Sigrid Lumbra, *VPDNetwork* Social Studies Coordinator  
Pat Fitzsimmons, Assistant Director, Standards & Assessment

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**VPDNetwork Leader Needs by ESA Region**

<b>ESA Region</b>	<b>Content Area</b>	<b>Grade Levels</b>
<b>ARC/CVEDC</b> Addison/Rutland Consortium for Professional Development + Champlain Valley Educator Development Center	Literacy	Positions filled
	Math	Positions filled
	Science	5 – 8
	Social Studies	6 – 12
<b>LAPDA</b> Lamoille Area Professional Development Academy	Literacy	4 – 6 7 – 8
	Math	9 – 12
	Science	Positions filled
	Social Studies	6 – 12
<b>NEKSDC</b> Northeast Kingdom School Development Center at Lyndon State College	Literacy	7 – 8
	Math	K – 2
	Science	Positions filled
	Social Studies	6 – 12
<b>SVLC</b> Southeast Vermont Community Learning Collaborative	Literacy	7 – 8
	Math	K – 2 6 – 8
	Science	Positions filled
	Social Studies	6 – 12
<b>SWC</b> Southwest VT Superintendents' Coordinators Collaborative	Literacy	K – 3
	Math	3 – 5 6 – 8 9 – 12
	Science	Positions filled
	Social Studies	6 – 12